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Office Action Summary

Application No. 09/901,979	Applicant(s) Heuer et al	
Examiner Alton Pryor	Art Unit 1616	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 (a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on Mar 18, 2003

2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.

3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 7-15 is/are pending in the application.

4a) Of the above, claim(s) 8, 13, and 14 is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

6) Claim(s) 7, 9-11, and 15 is/are rejected.

7) Claim(s) 12 is/are objected to.

8) Claims _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

11) The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) approved b) disapproved by the Examiner.

If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.

12) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

13) Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a) All b) Some* c) None of:

1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.

3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

*See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

14) Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

a) The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.

15) Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)

4) Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____

2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)

5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)

3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s). _____

6) Other: _____

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I. Rejection of claims under 35 U.S.C. 112, 1st paragraph will not be maintained.

Applicant is entitled to broad claims.

Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 7,9-12,15 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. 102(b)

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless -

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 7,9,15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Schaub (US 4664696; 5/12/87). Schaub teaches a fungicidal composition comprising cyproconazole plus another azole fungicide such as benzimidazole (benomyl). See column 7 lines 9-22, column 9 lines 1-10. Schaub teaches that the compound is applied to crops (industrial material - wood) to control fungal growth on crops (wood). See column 5 line 8 - column 6 line 29.

Claims 7,9,15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Hubele et al (US 5373013; 12/13/94). Hubele teaches a fungicide composition comprising cyproconazole plus 2-anilinopyrimidine (an azole compound). See column 1 lines 29-57. Hubele teaches that the composition is applied to plant crops (wood) to control the growth of microorganisms on the plant crops. See column 3 lines 17-28.

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Claim Rejection under 35 U.S.C. 103(a)

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claim 10,11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hubele as applied to claims 7,9,15 above. See Hubele's 35 U.S.C. 102(b) rejection above. Hubele teaches all that is recited in claims 10,11 expect for the instant invention comprising propiconazole. However, Hubele teaches that propiconazole is a fungicide acceptable to be combined with 2-anilinopyrimidine. See column 1 lines 13-15. It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art to add propiconazole to the composition comprising the 2-anilinopyrimidine and cyproconazole. One would have been motivated to do this in order to broaden the spectrum of control for fungi.

Claim Objection / Allowable Subject Matter

Claim 12 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. The elected composition comprising cyproconazole and tebuconazole is allowable. Applicant provides unexpected results for said composition.

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Other Matters

The election requirement is maintained. See papers 4 and 6

Telephonic Inquiry

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Alton Pryor whose telephone number is (703) 308-4691. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jose Dees, can be reached on (703) 308-4628. The fax phone number for this Group is (703) 308-4556.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-1235.


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